

REMARKS

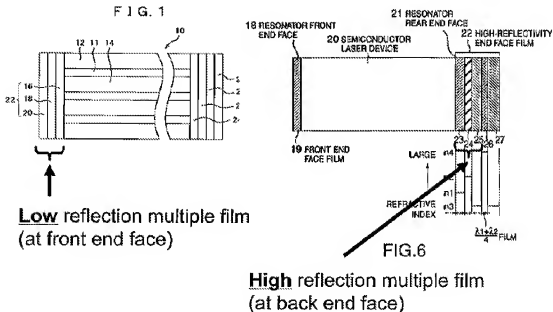
Claims 1-4 were pending and under consideration, claims 5-10 having been withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement.

In the Office Action of March 28, 2006, claims 1-4 were rejected as anticipated by Okuda et al. (USP 6628689). The rejection is traversed.

Claims 1-4 have been amended to recite that the common low reflection film be positioned at the front end faces of the plurality of edge emitting laser devices. Moreover, low reflection is defined as a reflectivity of 15% or less relative to any of the laser devices. No new matter has been added.

Regarding the limitation of reflection to 15% or less, the examiner's attention is directed to paragraphs [0020] and [0021].

In contrast, in Okuda et al., the common film 22 relied up in the office action, has a relatively high reflectivity and is located at the rear face of the lasers. This is what would be expected given that the laser light is emitted at the front end faces of the lasers. The following graphic illustrates this fundamental difference:



(a) Present Invention

(b) Okuda et al.

Clearly the Okuda et al high reflectivity film is located in a different position.

Given that Okuda et al. neither teaches nor suggests anything regarding a common low reflectivity film positioned at the front end faces of a plurality of edge emitting lasers, it is submitted that the rejection under 35 USC 102(b) is not proper and claims 1-4 are patentable over the cite art. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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